

Bill Number: FY10 Transportation, HUD Appropriations

Account: FHA—Transportation and Community & System Preservation

Requesting Agency: City of Galt

Requesting Agency Address: 495 Industrial Drive, Galt, CA 95632

Amount: \$500,000

Funding this project will provide for the reconstruction of the Central Galt (C Street)/SR 99 Interchange, which is critical to relieve congestion, improve regional transportation mobility, and ultimately alleviate a deficit in adequate emergency services access.

This project represents an appropriate use of taxpayer funds by elevating the ingress and egress of a major trade corridor to standards of safety commensurate with the impacts to the effected community.

International Drive Extension/Folsom South Canal Bridge, CA

Requesting Member: DANIEL E. LUNGREN

Bill Number: FY10 Transportation, HUD Appropriations

Account: FHA—Surface Transportation Priorities

Requesting Agency: City of Rancho Cordova

Requesting Agency Address: 2729 Prospect Park Dr., Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Amount: \$500,000

The International Drive Extension and Folsom South Canal Bridge project will construct a new six-lane extension of International Drive from Kilgore Road to Sunrise Boulevard. The waterway creates a barrier that cuts the City in half from north to south.

This project represents an appropriate use of taxpayer funds by facilitating the crossing of a U.S. Bureau of Reclamation waterway which bisects the City of Rancho Cordova, allowing emergency service access across this present barrier.

ADA Infrastructure Improvements

Requesting Member: DANIEL E. LUNGREN

Bill Number: FY10 Transportation, HUD Appropriations

Account: Housing and Urban Development (HUD)—Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Requesting Agency: City of Citrus Heights

Requesting Agency Address: 6237 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621

Amount: \$450,000

Disability access is limited in several identified locations throughout the City of Citrus Heights, and the City has been and continues to be the subject of lawsuits from advocates in the disability rights community. This funding will cover the cost of new ADA-compliant infrastructure. Citrus Heights is nearly 100% built-out, extinguishing the stream of development fees which might normally provide for this infrastructure improvement.

This project represents an appropriate use of taxpayer funds by providing for the elevation of city facilities to meet the requirements of ADA compliance.

LETTER FROM THE HIGH-PERFORMANCE BUILDINGS CAUCUS RE: ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS OF 2010

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I submit the following letter:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, July 15, 2009.

Hon. DAVID R. OBEY,
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations.

Hon. ED PASTOR,
Acting Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development.

Hon. JERRY LEWIS,
Ranking Member, Committee on Appropriations.

Hon. RODNEY FRELINGHUYSEN,
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development.

DEAR CHAIRMEN AND RANKING MEMBERS: As members of the High-Performance Buildings Caucus, we commend your work on the Energy and Water Appropriations Act of 2010. This Act makes investments in all areas of energy and makes critical investments in our nation's infrastructure. Of those investments, we hope you will give priority consideration to the Energy Efficient Buildings Systems Hub.

As a Caucus, we have consistently advocated for investments in a particular element of our nation's infrastructure—our built environment. Each year our nation's homes, offices, schools, and other buildings consume 70 percent of the electricity in the U.S., emit 39 percent of the nation's carbon dioxide emissions, and our citizens spend approximately 90 percent of their time indoors. Investing in the research and development of high-performance building technologies can have a direct impact on decreasing our nation's carbon footprint, reducing costs and improving building energy efficiency.

In light of these facts, the Department of Energy fiscal year 2010 budget introduced a request for eight Energy Innovation Hubs, each focused on a specific national energy related topic. These Energy Innovation Hubs would function in a new structure modeled after the research laboratories involved in the Manhattan Project Labs, Lincoln Labs at MIT that developed radar and AT&T Bell Laboratories that developed the transistor.

According to the Department of Energy, the proposed Energy Efficient Building Systems Hub would:

Develop systems-based approaches to designing commercial and residential buildings that integrate windows and lighting, natural ventilation and HVAC, thermal inertia, on-site energy generation and other factors. Develop building design software with imbedded energy analysis to assist architects and engineers in adopting new technologies for conserving energy. Develop automated operating platforms for real-time optimization of the building control systems, analogous to computer optimization of automobile engine performance.

We understand that during difficult economic and budgetary times, we must be especially careful with federal research investments. It is because of our strong belief in the benefits of energy efficiency gains that we believe that this Energy Innovation Hub will offer the best return for our investment.

While we understand the concerns of the Appropriations Committee regarding possible redundancies within existing initiatives, we hope to work with the Committee and the Department of Energy to address

these specific concerns before moving forward. It is our hope that as this legislation moves forward, we will be able to work with you to address this important issue.

Sincerely,

Russ Carnahan, Co-Chair, High-Performance Buildings Caucus; Judy Biggert, Co-Chair, High-Performance Buildings Caucus; Earl Blumenauer, Paul Hodes, Dave Loebsack, Bill Foster, Jay Inslee, Edolphus Towns, David Wu, *Members of Congress*.

H. RES. 529, CONDEMNING THE VIOLENT ATTACK ON THE UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 529, which condemns the violent attack on the United States Holocaust Museum on June 10, 2009 and honors the bravery and dedication of Museum employees and security personnel. I also rise to extend my condolences to the family and friends of Stephen Johns who died as a result of this horrible attack.

On June 10, 2009, 89-year-old James von Brunn walked into the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and opened fire, killing security guard Stephen Johns. This act of violence led to the death of an innocent and admired security guard and wounded an institution meant to remind us where the spread of hatred can lead. Thankfully, the courage and quick action of the museum's security guards prevented further injury and death.

Words of bigotry and racism cannot be ignored; too often they end in hateful actions. From the recent murder of abortion provider Dr. George Tiller to the shooting of two soldiers at a military recruitment center in Arkansas, hate too often materializes into violence with devastating effects for American families and communities. All of us must take it upon ourselves to end the ignorance and false beliefs that lead to discrimination, bigotry and worse. That is the mission of the Holocaust Museum and it is a mission and a message which now rings louder and clearer than ever.

The assault against the Holocaust Memorial Museum, its employees and patrons is also a painful reminder of the public safety threat we face from gun violence. The United States must work harder to bring an end to gun violence.

Madam Speaker, my thoughts are also with all those who have been victims of hate as well as those who dedicate themselves to increasing tolerance within our communities. I join my colleagues in supporting H. Res. 529.

THE CONTINUING SITUATION ON THE ISLAND OF CYPRUS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring renewed attention to the ongoing situation on the island of Cyprus.